

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
FINAL MINUTES**

<b>Wednesday, August 29, 2007</b>	<b>Williamsburg Marriott</b>	<b>Williamsburg, Virginia</b>
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:05 a.m.	
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Stephen E. Heretick, J.D., Chair Sandra A. Bell, M.D. Ellen Shapiro, D.P.M.	
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline Julia Bennett, Adjudication Specialist	
<b>MATTER SCHEDULED:</b>	<b>Thomas Ke Tsao, M.D.</b> <b>Case Nos.: 95622, 104699</b>	<b>License No.: 0101-022784</b>
<b>PRELIMINARY MATTERS:</b>	Ms. Bennett advised the Chair that Mr. Brian Dolan, Esquire, had represented Dr. Tsao and another practitioner involved in this case jointly and was present during interviews conducted by the Investigator. Ms. Bennett noted concern regarding a possible conflict of interest should this matter proceed further, which could lead to Mr. Dolan becoming a material witness before the Board. Mr. Dolan stated that he did not remember the interviews and they were in connection with the investigation of the other practitioner, rather than Dr. Tsao. Mr. Dolan also advised that Dr. Tsao was aware of this potential conflict and wished to continue with the representation.	
<b>RULING:</b>	The Chair took note of this issue and advised that the informal conference could proceed.	
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	Dr. Tsao appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with an Amended Notice of the Board dated July 26, 2007. Dr. Tsao was represented by Brian O. Dolan, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Tsao.	

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Bell, and duly seconded by Dr. Shapiro, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Tsao. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Shapiro, and duly seconded by Dr. Bell, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and voted to dismiss the matter.

**VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Tsao, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Tsao, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.*

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen E. Heretick, J.D., Chair

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sandra A. Bell, M.D., Chair  
Ellen Shapiro, D.P.M.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Nancy Walsh, Adjudication Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patient A  
Rose Tate, Director, EVMS, Office of Risk Management

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Susie K. Sayegh, M.D.** **License No.: 0101-036590**  
**Case Nos.: 98909**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Sayegh appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated June 29, 2007. Dr. Sayegh was represented by Glen Huff, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Sayegh.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Shapiro, and duly seconded, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Sayegh. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Shapiro, and duly seconded, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and voted to dismiss the matter.

**VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Sayegh, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Dr. Sayegh, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.*

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra A. Bell, M.D., Chair  
Director

9/12/2007  
Date

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
William L. Harp, M.D., Executive

10/31/2007  
Date